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High court won't block Maine campaign law

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PORTLAND (AP) — Maine's attorney general says she's delighted the Supreme Court has turned down a request to block key portions of a state campaign finance law that provides matching funds for candidates and a \$750 limit on contributions to candidates for governor.

The court acted Friday on a challenge from Respect Maine Political Action Committee and a Republican state lawmaker.

Attorney General Janet Mills says in addition to Democratic gubernatorial candidate Libby Mitchell, nearly 80 percent of Legislative candidates in Maine — Republicans, Independents, Greens and Democrats — run for office under the 10-year-old Clean Election law.

Mills says candidates enjoy the freedom from indebtedness to special interests who otherwise would donate private funds with the intent of influencing the candidate's vote once elected.